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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Vice Chair  
Accountability and Implementation Board  
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Dear Dr. Sauls and Senator Pinsky,

I write with concerns over the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. The AIB is charged with holding the 24 school systems accountable for implementing billions of dollars in education reforms across our state. The AIB will potentially have more authority than MSDE over student outcomes in our Maryland public school systems.

The AIB Nominating Committee is required to select nominees that reflect the geographic, racial, and gender diversity of the state. The current nominees are from only four jurisdictions out of 24. Clearly, there is not adequate geographic diversity. And the current racial makeup of the AIB nominees are not reflective of Maryland's population either. There are no Hispanic members while the Hispanic population in Maryland is growing quickly and 50% higher than the Black alone population. From the 2020 Census, the race and ethnicity of Maryland is White alone 61.6%; Black alone 12.4%; Hispanic 18.7%; Asian alone 6%; American Indian and Alaska Native alone 1.1%; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone 0.2%; Some Other Race alone 8.4%; Two or More Races 10.2%.

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Additionally, of the current nominees, it does not appear there is anyone with experience in investigations, similar to an IG's office. It would also be helpful to find an AIB member who has experience in the building trades. We know there is a workforce shortage and our public schools should be preparing some students for careers in the trades, as was noted by the Kirwan Commission. Nominating someone who works or has worked in the trades, and possibly even with a trades training program, would add an area of expertise desperately missing from the current list of nominees.

I urge you to reopen the application process and reach out to leaders across our state to encourage others to apply for the AIB. Please send more nominees to Governor Hogan so that he may select an AIB that fulfills the legislative mandate and represents our state well.

Thank you for your service and hard work for the citizens and, moreover, the students of Maryland.

Sincerely,



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The Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee  
Senate President Bill Ferguson  
House Speaker Adrienne Jones  
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